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IN THE CLAIMS

The claims have been amended as shown in the following complete listing:

1. (currently amended) A male coupler portion adapted to mate with at least two different types of associated female coupler portions, said male coupler portion comprising:

a frame comprising: (i) first and second arm pin-on locations adapted for connection to associated first and second arms, respectively; (ii) at least one tilt member pin-on location adapted for connection to an associated tilt member; (iii) first and second coupler halves each comprising:

a first hook-engaging mount defined by a first member that is fixedly secured to and extends between first and second vertical ribs, said first hook-engaging mount adapted to be received into a hook of a female rib of a first type of associated female coupler portion;

a first rib locking location comprising a first locking channel defined between said first and second vertical ribs so as to be vertically aligned with said first hook-engaging mount;

a second hook-engaging mount defined by a second member that is fixedly secured to extends between said second vertical rib and a third vertical rib, said second hook-engaging mount adapted to be received into a hook of a female rib of a second type of associated female coupler portion that is different from the first type of associated female coupler portion;

a second rib locking location comprising a second locking channel defined between said second and third vertical ribs so as to be vertically aligned with said second hook-engaging mount; and,

a plunger pin slidably connected to the frame and movable between an extended position and a retracted position, said plunger pin, when extended, adapted to engage

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and retain an associated female coupler portion rib ear located in either one of said first and second rib locking ~~locations~~ channels.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The male coupler portion as set forth in ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein said first rib locking location of each coupler half comprises first and second lock apertures defined respectively in said first and second ribs and aligned with each other, and wherein said second rib locking location of each coupler half comprises said second lock aperture and a third lock aperture defined in said third rib and aligned with said second lock aperture, second and third ribs define respective wherein said first, second and third lock apertures of each coupler half that are aligned with each other and that and accommodate sliding movement of said plunger pin from said retracted position to between said extended position, wherein said plunger pin, when in said extended position, extends through each of said first, second and third lock apertures to engage an associated ear of a female rib of a first type of associated coupler portion located in said first locking channel or an associated ear of a female rib of a second type of associate coupler portion located in said second locking channel and retracted positions.

5. (canceled)

6. (currently amended) The male coupler portion as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, wherein said frame further comprises a face plate that extends between said first and second coupler halves, and wherein, for each of said first and second halves of said coupler, said face plate defines first and second openings that open respectively into said first and second rib locking channels, wherein said first opening of each coupler

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half is adapted to receive an ear of a female rib of the first type of associated female coupler portion, and wherein said second opening of each coupler half is adapted to receive an ear of a female rib of the second type of associated female coupler portion.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The male coupler portion as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 4, further comprising:

a first hydraulic actuator operatively connected to said plunger pin of said first coupler half for moving said plunger pin of said first coupler half between said extended and retracted positions; and,

a second hydraulic actuator operatively connected to said plunger pin of said second coupler half for moving said plunger pin of said second coupler half between said extended and retracted positions.

9. (currently amended) The male coupler portion as set forth in claim 4, wherein said first, second and third lock apertures and said plunger pin of each half of said coupler are cylindrical, and wherein said respective first and second members of said first and second hook-engaging mounts each comprise a cylindrical surface.

10. (canceled)

11. (new) A male coupler portion comprising:

a frame comprising: (i) first and second arm pin-on locations adapted for connection to associated first and second arms, respectively; and, (ii) at least one tilt member pin-on location adapted for connection to an associated tilt member;

four separate hook-engaging mounts, wherein: (i) first and second ones of said hook-engaging mounts are symmetrically located on opposite sides of a centerline of

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said frame relative to each other and are adapted to be inserted into respective female rib hooks of a first type of associated female coupler; and, (ii) third and fourth ones of said hook-engaging mounts are symmetrically located on opposite sides of said centerline relative to each other and are adapted to be inserted into respective female rib hooks of a second type of associated female coupler;

four rib locking locations respectively vertically aligned with said four hook-engaging mounts, wherein: (i) first and second ones of said rib locking locations are symmetrically located on opposite sides of a centerline of said frame relative to each other and are adapted to receive respective female rib ears of the first type of associated female coupler; and, (ii) third and fourth ones of said rib locking locations are symmetrically located on opposite sides of said centerline relative to each other and are adapted to receive respective female rib ears of the second type of associated female coupler;

a first plunger pin for selective extension into both said first and third rib locking locations to engage an associate female rib ear located in one of said first and third rib locking locations;

a second plunger pin for selective extension into both said second and fourth rib locking locations to engage an associate female rib ear located in one of said second and fourth rib locking locations.